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SUBJECT: REPUBLIC OF CHINA VICE-PRESIDENT CONCLUDES
COSTA RICA VISIT

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1. THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, DR. CHIA-KAN YEN, WOUND UP A 4-DAY VISIT TO COSTA RICA ON AUGUST 26. WHILE THE VISIT WAS LARGELY PROTOCOLARY IN NATURE, VICE-PRESIDENT CHIA-KAN YEN PRIVATELY TOLD THE HEAD OF THE LOCAL CHINESE ASSOCIATION HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION IN COSTA RICA, WHICH HE TERMED AMONG THE WARMEST HE HAD EXPERIENCED IN HIS OFFICIAL TRAVELS. THOUGHTOUT HIS STAY, DR. YEN WAS CONSTANTLY ESCORTED BY ONE OR BOTH OF THE TWO COSTA RICAN VICE-PRESIDENTS, DR. MANUEL AGUILAR BONILLA AND JORGE ROSSI.

2. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED AUGUST 25 BY THE CHINESE VICE-PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO ESSENTIALLY REAFFIRMED EXISTING ECONOMIC AND
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CULTURAL AGREEMENTS AND HERALDED NO NEW DEPARTURES

IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. BOTH GOVERNMENTS REITERATED THEIR ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND CONDEMNED ALL TYPES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MEN, "SUCH AS MANEUVERS AIMED AT CARRYING OUT SUBVERSION AND INFILTRATION AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES."

3. THE TWO COUNTRIES ALSO REITERATED THEIR AIM OF JOINING FORCES SO THAT THE REFORMULATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE AND THE REVISION OF THE WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM ARE CARRIED OUT WITH THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. IN THE AREA OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE TWO NATIONS REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRES TO PROMOTE AND INTENSIFY TECHNICAL INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS. IN THE COMMUNIQUE, PRESIDENT FIGUERES SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO COSTA RICA BY THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AGRICULTURAL MISSION IN THE AREAS OF RICE AND VEGETABLE CULTIVATION.

5. COMMENT: ONLY FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO DR. YEN'S ARRIVAL, AN "UNOFFICIAL" DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDED PRESIDENT FIGUERES' SON AND SON-IN-LAW, LEFT ON A GOOD WILL TOUR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS GUESTS OF THE PRC (REFTEL. THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOCR DELEGATION AND THE TIMING OF ITS DEPARTURE STRONGLY SUGGEST THE GOCR CHOSE THIS MOMENT TO ACCEPT WHAT APPEARS TO BE A STANDING INVITATION EXTENDED BY THE QUASI-OFFICIAL PRC COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVE RESIDING IN SAN JOSE (A COSTA RICAN BUSINESSMAN) IN ORDER TO BALANCE DR. YEN'S VISIT. NONETHELESS, DESPITE THE GOCR'S INTEREST IN EXTENDING SOME COMMERCIAL FEELERS IN THE DIRECTION OF THE PRC WE SEE NO PROSPECT THAT THE GOCR WILL ALTER ITS PRESENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOC.
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